



UNIT CITATION

The Fire Chief and members of the Charleston Fire Department wish to recognize the exceptional service provided by Engine 116 and Tower 102, A Shift. This service, as described in the citation below, exemplifies the dedication, training, courage, and commitment that are the traditions of a Charleston Firefighter. We are proud to recognize your service.

Engine 116, A Shift
Captain Pete Salvo
Engineer Jamal Goss
Firefighter Scott McWethy
Firefighter Patrick Dunn

Tower 102, A Shift
Captain Alford Brewington
Engineer David Steed
Firefighter Devin Hodgman
Firefighter Timothy Keeling

On September 3, 2015, Engine 116 and Tower 102 were returning to quarters after a drill at Archer School. Enroute back to West Ashley the units were flagged down by passersby and simultaneously dispatched to a traffic collision on Interstate 26 West and the Meeting Street On Ramp Overpass. Engine 116 arrived first and observed a two vehicle head-on collision. Captain Pete Salvo took command, assessed the scene and observed one victim trapped in one of the vehicles and multiple patients. Engineer Jamal Goss and Firefighter Patrick Dunn initiated patient assessment and care of patients out of the vehicles, while Firefighter Scott McWethy staffed the 1 ¾" safety handline. Tower 102, commanded by Captain Alford Brewington and staffed with Engineer David Steed, Firefighter Devin Hodgman and Firefighter Timothy Keeling arrived seconds after Engine 116 initiating patient care and extrication of the entrapped patient using Tower 102's complement of hydraulic rescue tools.

Thanks to the professionalism and seamless teamwork of Engine 116, Tower 102, and Charleston County EMS, the Category 1 entrapped patient was extricated, packaged and transferred for transport in eleven minutes. In all, nine patients, including two pediatric patients were transported to the hospital.

Karen E. Brack
Fire Chief

Date



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The Fire Chief and members of the Charleston Fire Department wish to recognize the exceptional service provided by Engine 103, C Shift. This service, as described in the citation below, exemplifies the dedication, training, courage, and commitment that are the traditions of a Charleston Firefighter. We are proud to recognize your service.

Engine 103, C Shift
Captain Patrick Hinson
Engineer Paul Tumminia
Firefighter Robert Sacco
Firefighter Kyle Riffe

On October 10, 2015, Engine 103 responded on Incident #15-0057661 to 43 Montagu Street with Medic 1 for a full arrest. Upon arrival, the crew from Charleston County Medic 1 was observed working a full arrest. Engine 103's crew, Captain Patrick Hinson, Engineer Paul Tumminia, Firefighter/EMT Robert Sacco, and Firefighter Kyle Riffe joined the effort to save the victim's life by assisting Medic 1 with CPR and advanced life support efforts. The patient was placed on an AED and shocked twice. The patient regained consciousness after the second shock. The crews of Medic 1 and Engine 103 continued to support the patient during transport to the hospital.

On October 15, 2015, the patient contacted Fire Department Headquarters with a request to meet the crew that saved his life. The seamless teamwork and dedicated professionalism of the crews from Charleston County EMS Medic 1 and the crew of Engine 103, C Shift were central to this phone call occurring and the patient surviving cardiac arrest.

Karen E. Brack
Fire Chief

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